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EXPORT OF GRANITE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the quantum of Granite reserves in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the foreign exchange earned through export thereof during the last three years alongwith the prices at which it has been exported;

(c) whether the granite based industries have suffered huge losses and even closed due to granite export policy of the Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Details of state-wise recoverable reserves of Granite is Annexed.

(b) Details of export of granite and granite products from India in terms of quantity and value from 2004-05 to 2006-07 are as under:

Year	Quantity (in Kg)	Value (in US$ million)
2004-05	2608539246	571.90
2005-06	2841047722	788.30
2006-07	3291803627	1043.47

This Department does not have data on the export price of the different types of granite.However, the export price depends on quality of the product as well as the quantity delivered i.e. for executing bulk orders price would be quoted on a lower side than the price quoted for small quantities booked by foreign importers.

(c) Since there has been a substantial increase in export of granite during the last three years, the granite export policy does not seem to have adversely affected the granite industry though the profit margin of the exporters has been affected by the appreciation of the Indian rupee.

(d) Government of India encourages export of granite and granite based products by giving necessary support like sponsoring visits by exporters from the sector to different countries, by inviting importers from abroad in reverse buyer-seller meets organized through Chemicals & Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL), by permitting modernization of the industry through Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, grant of Duty Entitlement Passbook credit etc.